

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Project Chief Introduction: At this time Mayor Pavey introduced representatives from Diamond Pet Foods. In the past several months they have been known to the City as Project Chief. We have been in discussion with the company since May 18, 2021. Mark Schell said Rushville felt right to them, it felt like home. Schell said they are very excited to be here. This project is more than a \$200 million-dollar project. We will build a 700,000 square foot state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility.

This is a family owned company and first began April 1st, 1970. They chose Rushville because Rushville's values were the same as Diamond's. They commented they liked the way Rushville started a meeting with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer. They commented, "this is us".

They said it will take about 8 months to get up and running. McCane commented that this is Diamond's first plant from the ground up. We will be annexing the property and it will be in a TIF District.

At this time the meeting was recessed to extend familiarities.

Mayor Pavey reconvened the meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT – Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she received the 1782 Notice, which is the budget order. She said everything was approved for the 2022 budget.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **READi Designation** – Pavey said they will be traveling to Greensburg tomorrow for a rehearsal of our presentation, which will take place November 29th. They did a video bus tour of the region. The new Community Center is a large component.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – They are currently booking next year’s acts.
- **Housing – Boulder’s Schedule** – The foundation is in for the first home. The next apartment building is scheduled to begin in March.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council** – Saturday evening at 6:00 Mayor Pavey will meet with Sandra Chapman regarding a documentary of the Carol Jenkins Davis story.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Munson reported that the new medic is doing very well.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works authorized to begin taking applications.

Park – Director Burklow said the pad for the pergola at the CJD Park has been poured. He encouraged Council to come out and take a ride with him to see what has been done.

The Board of Works approved to promote Zach Goodwin to Assistant Park Director. Burklow is asking for a salary of \$37,500.00. This amount is more than the salary ordinance. Therefore, the salary ordinance will need to be amended. Burklow said he would like Goodwin to start the position as soon as possible. Mayor Pavey suggested that Newhouse make the change to the salary ordinance, and for Burklow to review the budget for 2022 to make sure there is enough money. Berkemeier made a motion to table until we make sure the funds are there. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they have begun the process of picking up leaves. They have discovered that the vac has a cracked frame. They have it in for repairs and are hoping to have it completed by Thursday.

Planning & Zoning – Assistant Director Clark-Orusa reported that there will be a Plan Commission and BZA meetings tomorrow.

Animal Control – Director Hanna informed Council that Julia Moffett is doing a segment on the animal shelter that is airing this week.

They will also be participating in Pups & Paws event at the Indianapolis Hockey game this weekend.

She should have an update at the next meeting regarding the County agreement.

Jim Irsay is donating \$2,500.00 to the shelter. Marzon congratulated Hanna on a job well done.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Councilman Bridges said a student at the high school has lodged a concern regarding the cross walk on Harrison Street. She said the area is too dark and it is difficult to see the cross walk. Bridges asked if the safety committee would consider this request to see what they can come up with.

Berkemeier said Crystal Woods is asking for an update on the Baker Street light. Pavey said they have a meeting scheduled with Duke on Thursday. She also asked if any additional signage could be put in place, such as Slow Children. Tucker said he would not advise it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Indiana READi Regional Application Presentation Date November 29, 2021** – We are slotted for our presentation at 2:30 on November 29th.
2. **North Washington Street** – The legal paperwork is completed. The appraisal is also complete. We are putting together the agreements.
 - Swap with Fairgrounds Agreement –
 - Resolution Approving Swap –
 - LOMA/Fair Board – Pond Easement Right of Way –
3. **Amend Ordinance 2021-14 ARP** – Water & Sewer Projects in Progress.
4. **Ordinance 2021-32 Amend City Fee Schedule** – Newhouse is working on this. Jenkins will discuss this with Newhouse. We want all fees schedules in one spot.
5. **City 501.C.3 Kick off Meeting** – Resolution 2021-36 Creation of Community Facility Fund - As the year closes out we need to get this completed.
6. **Ordinance 2021-34 Amendment to Central Business District** – Berkemeier met with the downtown businesses to discuss their concerns. Berkemeier said he supports moving forward at this point. He will stay in contact with the merchants in this regard. He said it is going to be difficult to make everyone happy, but we need to encourage this amendment. Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-34. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2021-35 PUD Ordinance Amendment II (APC/BZA 12/15** – Council 12/21
2. **Project Chief Upcoming:** Outline of the process coming up:
 - Annexation of Property 20 Acres Filed 11/12/21
 - Ordinance 2021-36 Introduction Petition of Annexation –
 - Resolution 2021-39 Annexation Fiscal Plan-
 - Public Hearing –
 - Special Meetings –

3. **Utility Service Board Resolution – Amending 2021 Salaries – Ordinance 2021-37** - Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2021-37 amending the Utility salaries. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Police Department –**
 - **Gun Replacement Program** – Chief Tucker said all of the current guns have been spoken for as a buy back. In order for the purchase of the new guns we will need \$2,516.00 from our budget for the new weapons. He asked for approval to place the order since it will take 90-100 days. Gurley made a motion to approve placing the order. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - **Order New Police Car** – Chief Tucker said he was not happy with the police car bid price. He would like to check with other vendors.
5. **Resolution 2021-41 Transfer Fire Department** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2021-41 as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Health Insurance Renewal** – Insurance Agent, Kevin Mandrell reported that the City came in far below what we budgeted last year. The claims were less than we planned, however we did have 3 significant claims. Initially we were given a 30% increase. Mandrell was able to negotiate down to a 5% increase. Marzon said the feedback he received from the employees has been positive. He asked if we would be able to continue to pay the first \$1,000.00 deductible. Mandrell said unfortunately due to Federal IRS regulation the employee must pay the first dollar. We can keep it at or near \$1,200 but we have to take a different route to get to that. The deductible will remain the same at \$6,200 for a single and \$12,400 for a family. The employee will pay first \$1,400 for a single, or \$2,800 for a family. The City will then pay the balance of that in the HRA account. The City will fund each employee's HRA account \$250 for a single or \$500 for a family.

The vision and dental remained the same. Mayor Pavey said the goal is to make the City's contribution to each employee through their Health Savings Account.

The City will receive a credit in January of \$38,426.00. Walker Hughes fee to manage the HRA is \$5,000.00. Berkemeier made a motion to accept the insurance renewal proposal. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried with Marzon abstaining from the vote.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: The City was awarded \$664,275.00 for the CCMG projects. This will cover the final phase of East 8th Street and some areas of milling and paving.

Truck Route – We received a truck route from Indot. We would be responsible for maintenance of the right of way. The route is going past the fire station and going south at 1st Street. Bridges

made a motion to approve for the Mayor to sign the truck route agreement regarding US 52 and 44. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Marzon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.